



**The Webinar Will Start
at 2:00PM CDT**

1



2020 - 2021 New Grant Organizations Where to Begin

**Negotiations
Organizational Preparation
Grant Recognition
COVID-19**

2



Negotiations

3

Awarded Application vs Negotiation

- Commission has awarded the proposed project and amounts
- FVA Staff and grantee must work together to identify and remove unallowable costs and clarify narratives – timely responses are vital for success
- FVA Staff feedback and suggestions during negotiations are provided to ensure the grant project stays within federal and state regulations – therefore, Grantees must follow recommendations by FVA Staff
- Notice of Grant Award (NOGA) will not be issued until negotiations are complete



4



Organization Preparation

5

Organization Preparation

Project Staffing

- Begin the process now for required Staff, listed as "To Be Hired" on the application
- Positions should be ready to start on July 1st
- Salaries and Fringe costs cannot be claimed before grant start date

During Negotiations:

- Update staff list for the project (things may have changed since last October)
- Verify staff names, salaries, fringe, percent of time toward project, etc
- Be prepared to adjust / modify project budget based on negotiations

Grant project begins on July 1st. Services can be provided even if negotiations are still underway, and without a completed NOGA. *However grantees cannot submit requests for reimbursement until a NOGA has been issued.*

**County entities have to plan for/schedule Commissioner Court Meetings to complete their NOGAs.*

Fine-tune and prep for implementing client outreach and communications plan



6



Recognizing the FVA Grant

7

Program Branding – TVC Recognition

Press Releases, flyers, brochures, and any other printed material included in grant budget:

- Must contain TVC Recognition to include logo, verbiage and link
- Submit to FVA for prior approval - *plan for 2-3 days of review time*

Verbiage, Logo, and Link Together



This program is supported by a grant from the Texas Veterans Commission *Fund for Veterans' Assistance*. The *Fund for Veterans' Assistance* provides grants to organizations serving veterans and their families. For more information, visit [TVC.Texas.gov](https://www.tvc.texas.gov).

8

Organization Operations – Branding

Organizations must acknowledge the services provided to the veteran beneficiaries are a result of the FVA grant:

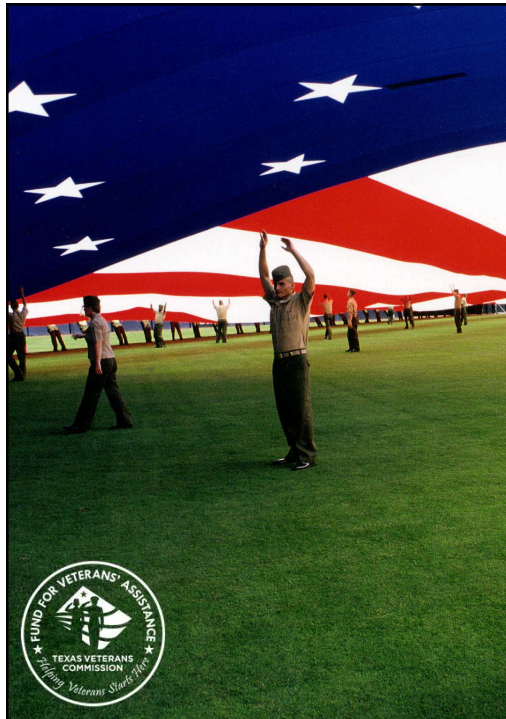
- At any event you host which relates to an activity FVA has funded
- On printed promotional materials and in presentations
- On event signage (physical or digital)
- Verbally in speeches and presentations
- When you explain what your grant has achieved
- On organization's website

Inform FVA of organizational events, openings, ceremonies:

- TVC can amplify/promote what you do through media platforms
- **VIP attendance** - state elected officials, federal officials, or other widely recognized national/state person or group



9



COVID-19

10

10

COVID - 19

Do not change grant project specifically for COVID-19

One-time exceptions can be requested for:

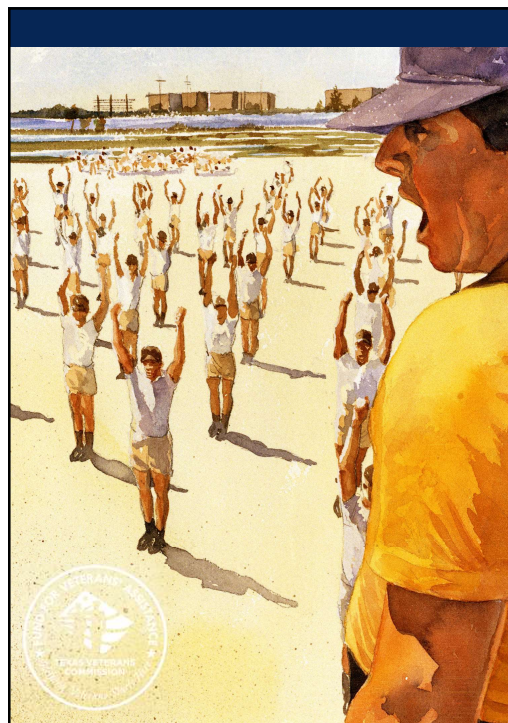
- Number of times a client can receive benefits
- The amount of funding applied per client
- Geographic services adjustments

One-time exceptions cannot be requested for:

- Additional funding, or permanent changes to budget
- Eligibility criteria changes as defined by the grantee
- Shifting funding between budget categories (e.g. supplies to client services)
- Purchasing of supplies to prepare for offices to "reopen" after COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted



11



Questions

You ask, FVA answers.

12

12

Questions



Contact Us

 (512) 463-1157

 grants@TVC.Texas.gov

 TVC.Texas.gov/grants

Ervey Leos, Lead Grant Officer

 (512) 463-9829

 ervey.leos@TVC.Texas.gov

Julie Dillard, Lead Compliance Officer

 (512) 463-8863

 Julie.Dillard@TVC.Texas.gov

Elisabeth D. Webster, Communications Coordinator

 (512) 463-5880

 Elisabeth.Webster@TVC.Texas.gov